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## FATAL CRASH

Of a Train Cuts a Railway Station in Canada

## FOUR PEOPLE KILLED

Blowing Out of Wash Pipe on Locomotive, Near Montreal, Forces Engineer and Fireman to Jump, and the Train Dashes Into Station, Tearing it Up.

Montreal, March 17.—Four persons are dead and thirty others were more or less seriously injured as the result of the blowing out of a wash pipe on the locomotive hauling the Boston Express of the Canadian Pacific Railway this morning, three miles out from the city. Scalding steam filled the cab and the engineer and fireman were forced to jump. The train, without a guiding hand at the throttle, dashed into the Windsor street station, through the granite wall into the women's waiting room, and then into the rotunda, where the locomotive, after demolishing one massive granite pillar, was brought to a standstill by another.

The four persons killed were: The four persons killed were sitting in the women's waiting room. They are:

Mrs. W. J. Nixon, Montreal. Her 13-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter.

Elise Villiers, 12 years old, of Montreal.

A score of men were knocked down when the train dashed through the rotunda.

An investigation of the cause of the accident by General Manager McNicoll disclosed that the break in the boiler was on the fireman's side. Fireman Craig jumped at once and landed in a snow drift, practically uninjured. He ran down the track after the train. Half a mile from where he jumped Craig found the engineer lying unconscious by the rails. His skull had been fractured. Why, before jumping, the engineer failed to bring his train to a standstill may never be known, for Cunningham has not regained consciousness, and is not expected to live. The train crew had no idea there was anything wrong until the train was nearing the station. Then the conductor, noting the excessive speed at this point applied the airbrakes. They were not strong enough to hold the train with the locomotive pulling against them, but they did check the speed somewhat. The husband of Mrs. W. J. Nixon is a train dispatcher of the Canadian Pacific at Medicine Hat, Alberta. He had secured leave of absence to come to Montreal to get his family, and they were all at the station to greet him after six months' separation. Nixon's train arrived a short time after the accident. The mangled bodies of his wife and children were lying on the platform when he stepped from the train.

## BRINGS DOWN THIEF.

Officer Shoots Negro Store Robber Laden With Booty.

Chester, March 17.—Ike Feaster, colored, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded at 2 o'clock this morning by Officer J. G. Howes, of the city police force. Feaster had broken into the store of T. H. Ward, colored, and was coming out of the rear with his plunder, when Officer Howes, who had been attracted by the noise, endeavored to halt him. Feaster refused to stop and the officer fired at the store, striking him in the head. He was taken to the Magdalen Hospital, where he has remained in critical condition all day.

## ATTACKS CONSTABULARY.

Sanguinary Conflict on One of the Philippine Islands.

Manila, March 17.—A belated dispatch from Lake Lakano reports that a band of hostile Moros attacked Lieutenant Furlong's detachment of constabulary at Bordog, on the 8th of March and, after a sharp fight, eight Moros and two members of the constabulary were left dead on the field, while two soldiers and one civilian were wounded. A company of the 25th infantry and a detachment of scouts have gone to the aid of Furlong's force. The day after the fight a constabulary soldier deserted after stealing five rifles belonging to members of the detachment.

## "SAW AWAY," SAYS WATCHORN.

Gives Lion Tamer at Ellis Island "Means of Escape."

New York, March 18.—Francis Louis Bessand, a lion tamer, who escaped from the detention pen at Ellis Island in August, 1907, was arrested recently in San Francisco and returned to the island, with a prospect of deportation.

He told Commissioner Watchorn that he escaped by cutting the bars of his cage with a saw made of three butcher's knives. Mr. Watchorn, who suspects collusion by Bessand, has given Bessand three more kitchen knives, with these instructions:

"If you can saw your way out, I'll do what I can to save you from deportation. Louis is now raising blisters on his hands."

## HUGE FORGERY PLOT

SPOILED BY THE SUSPICIONS OF A LITHOGRAPHER.

The Arrest at Milan of Four of the Ringleaders Reveals an International Company.

Rome, March 17.—Special dispatches from this city to Columbia Record says startling developments connecting the extensive operations of the international gang of forgers and of checks and banknotes, four ringleaders of which are under arrest at Milan, continue to come to the surface as a result of the international police investigation now in progress. As stated at the time of the arrest a week ago the operations of the gang were confined chiefly to New York and London.

The capture of the four leaders was due to the misgivings of Signor Polotti, a very skillful lithographer, whom the forgers had entrusted with the engraving of an immense number of checks, varying in value from \$10 to \$200 apiece, which they represented were required by the American Express Company for its branch establishments in Rome, Genoa and Naples.

Signor Polotti confided the affair to the police, who directed him to proceed quietly with the commission, while they prepared a surprise for as many as possible of the gang, which during the past two years has given untold trouble in America, England, France and Belgium.

In Italy last December, after a series of frauds at Genoa amounting to \$60,000, they presented a letter of credit of the Commercial bank of Milan for \$15,000 on a firm of private bankers in New York. The letter was again and again exploded by the New York bank, and the Milan police are convinced from a mass of documents and stamps now seized at their lodgings that this criminal gang must have had one or more accomplices in the employ of the bank itself.

Four members of the gang were caught red-handed. They are all middle-aged, though a considerable part of their career has been spent in the United States and Great Britain. They had in their possession newly-made banknotes and checks of the total value of over \$2,000,000, which they were about to forward to confederates in New York and London for circulation.

Oreof Orioni, one of the ringleaders under arrest, comes of a well known Naples family and formerly was an artillery officer in the Italian army. He is a nephew of the famous General Matterassi. He has been a consular agent and representative of various commercial firms in Japan and North America.

The Milan police are elated at the capture, but regret that many members of the gang are still at large, though they have clues which are expected to prove useful to the police of New York, London and Paris.

## ALLOWED TEN THOUSAND.

Seaboard Must Pay That Sum to Conductor's Widow.

Savannah, Ga., March 17.—The report of Special Master Frank M. Gallaway, appointed by Judge Pardee, of the United States Court, for the cases instituted against the Seaboard Air Line, has been filed with the clerk of the court here, a decision allowing Mrs. Belle Gray \$10,000 for the death of her husband, being made a part of the record. Conductor W. B. Gray was killed while on a freight train running from Savannah to Denmark, S. C., on a bridge spanning the Savannah river, near Garnett, August 2, 1907.

## THEY SHOULD PASS.

Two Bills Before Congress to Help Rural Carriers.

Washington, March 17.—Rural letter carriers will come in for a little extra compensation during the sixty-first Congress if the two bills recently introduced by Representatives Bates, of Pennsylvania, and Humphreys, of Mississippi, are enacted into law. The bill introduced by Representative Bates provides an additional allowance of \$150 per annum for subsistence, and that introduced by Mr. Humphreys provides that \$250 per annum additional be allowed each rural carrier for the purchase and maintenance of necessary horses, wagons and equipment.

## TRAIN KILLS AGED NEGRO.

Darky, Past Century Mark, Meets Death at Newberry.

Newberry, March 17.—Ned Kinard, an old negro, was killed at the Southern depot here today. The freight engine was shifting, and Ned had his back to the train and was on the track. The car struck him and passed over his body, cutting off both legs. An inquest was held, the verdict being that the death was accidental. Ned was a slave of the late Gen. H. H. Kinard, and was more than a hundred years old. He claimed to be over a hundred and ten years old.

## Reward Offered.

Washington, March 18.—A reward of \$2,000 has been offered by the Italian government for the capture of the slaver of Lieut. Joseph Petrosino, according to official information the embassy has communicated to the State department.

## PAYS FOR CRIME

Benjamin Gilbert is Electrocuted at Richmond, Va.

## KILLED YOUNG LADY

Because She Rejected Him as a Lover—The Murder Committed on a Bridge at Norfolk, While the Young Girl was With Friends for a Little Outing.

Richmond, March 19.—For killing his former sweetheart in a moment of jealous rage, Benjamin Gilbert today was electrocuted in the State penitentiary here, where all criminals in this State are now put to death.

Because she had spurned him for the attentions of other young men, Gilbert shot down pretty Amanda B. Morse on Compostella bridge in Norfolk on July 23 last. The girl lingered for twenty-four hours, her death occurring at St. Vincent's hospital to which institution she had been removed immediately following the shooting.

Hearing that Gilbert had threatened to kill his daughter, T. O. Morse, father of the girl, went to look for Gilbert, and reason with him. Going the wrong way, Morse missed Gilbert, and twenty minutes later, while still in search of the youth, was told that he had shot his daughter. The father rushed to the scene and the fact that he could find no one to furnish him with a pistol was all that prevented a double tragedy.

On the hot summer night Miss Morse and several young friends went to Compostella bridge for a breath of air from across the water. They were conversing on the bridge when young Gilbert approached. Miss Morse's escort, W. G. Mitchell, noticed Gilbert acting peculiarly. Gilbert asked the girl to see him privately. She replied that if he had anything to say to her he could say it then and there.

Gilbert making no reply, Miss Morse turned from him and took the arm of Mitchell to walk further on the bridge. Just as she did so Gilbert drew his pistol and fired three times at her. Two of the bullets entered the girl's back. The third grazed the coast of Mitchell.

Gilbert would have been mobbed but for the early arrival of the police. He claimed to have been engaged to the girl and declared that their wedding was scheduled for an early date when she spurned him.

Gilbert's defense was general depravity and mental irresponsibility, it being sought at his trial to prove hereditary insanity. After the trial eight members of the jury petitioned Governor Swanson to commute Gilbert's death sentence to life imprisonment in the State penitentiary. The jury in rendering its verdict recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court. Judge Hancock submitted this recommendation to the Governor, who declared that if he should commute Gilbert, he could not permit another man to be executed for murder, so long as he occupied the gubernatorial chair.

The Supreme Court was then appealed to, among the grounds being that Gilbert had become insane since his conviction and that the act of the Legislature changing the mode of inflicting the death penalty in Virginia from hanging to electrocution was "strange and unusual," and, therefore, in conflict with the Constitution of the State. The Supreme Court denied a writ of error on Gilbert's appeal, and Governor Swanson, who had granted numerous respites to permit court action, refused to interfere further.

Gilbert's parents spent their all in an effort to save his life, even mortgaging their beds to raise money with which to carry the fight to the higher courts. Daniel Coleman, Jr., the lawyer who defended Gilbert, not only received no compensation, but had to supplement from his own pocket the money raised by Gilbert's parents to carry on the fight for the condemned boy.

Gilbert after being carried to the penitentiary repented and had his spiritual adviser write to the parents of his victim asking forgiveness, the youth saying that he could die easier if he had his forgiveness.

## CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS.

Though Pistol Was Unloaded and Killed a Man.

Spartanburg, March 17.—While fooling with a pistol supposed to be unloaded, Sam James shot Perry Loister, his brother-in-law, at Greens this morning. James was trying to clean an old pistol and Loister was sitting in a chair watching him. The pistol went off accidentally, the ball entering Loister's forehead, penetrating the brain and causing instant death. James is prostrated with grief.

## THREE WERE KILLED.

Coast Line Train Leaves Track at Pikeville, N. C.

Charlotte, N. C., March 17.—A fast passenger train on the Atlantic Coast Line jumped the track at Pikeville, a flag station between Goldsboro and Wilmington after midnight killing the engineer and fireman, and Brakeman Offert. Conductor W. H. Newell and several passengers were seriously injured. Details of the accident could not be obtained at this hour.

## JURY SHED TEARS

SENSATIONAL MURDER TRIAL ENDS IN CHICAGO.

Defense Was an Alibi—Jury Took But One Ballot—Women Spectators Hysterical.

Chicago, March 18.—Luman C. Mann, was today declared not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Frances Gilmore Thompson.

Several members of the jury shed tears when Mann, between choking sobs, thanked them and promised to lead a better life. Attorney Brubstein, who defended the case, was fairly mobbed by dozens of weeping women, who have been constant attendants at the trial, and who insisted upon kissing him.

The evidence against Mann was circumstantial; his defense an alibi. The jury took but one ballot.

With the words "not guilty" from the lips of the foreman, the scene in court became one of excitement bordering on hysteria.

"I've been a bad man, but years from now you will hear of me as an honest citizen," Mann said in thanking the jury. Tears were rolling down his cheeks and his sobs made it almost impossible for him to speak.

"We knew you were innocent," said one of the jurors, his tears flowing freely. Other jurors fervently applied handkerchiefs to their eyes as Mann returned to his mother, throwing his arms about her neck and crying like a child.

Under cross examination the defendant was compelled to relate a sorrow story at which his mother hung her head. He told of drinking bouts, during one of which he spent \$1,000 in a single night of gambling and of low associates.

Fanny Thompson, bound, gagged and the finger marks of a stranger on her throat was found dead in a rooming house at 1242 Michigan avenue, July 1st last. She had been dead four days, and this period Mann was compelled to cover in minute detail to establish his alibi. Besides himself, he produced more than a score of witnesses.

The evidence against him consisted chiefly of his acquaintance with Mrs. Thompson, when she was a servant in his father's house, the fact that he wore a cap similar to the one which Mrs. Hamilton, keeper of the rooming house, said was worn by the man who accompanied Mrs. Thompson to the house, and a statement made to his sister prior to the tragedy that he "knew a woman whose diamonds he would get if he had to choke her." This statement Mann explained on the stand was purely a thoughtless jest made in the course of conversation in a light vein.

## SLASHER SCORES WOMEN.

Unknown Culprit Cuts Up Clothes in Subway Station.

New York, March 18.—Complaints which are reaching the police indicate that a "slasher" is again at work in New York. Several women have reported that their garments have been cut in the subway station at 42nd street.

All cases bear a striking similarity which makes it appear as if the work were being done by one man, using the same sharp knife. In most instances the garments cut have been women's coats, slashes a little to the left of the center of the back about 12 inches from the bottom.

One woman's handsome coat of broadcloth was badly mutilated in the subway yesterday morning. Two years ago a "slasher" did similar work and while detectives were put specifically on the case, the culprit was never captured.

## ROBBED ON TRAIN.

Passenger Claims He Lost Ten Thousand Dollars.

Philadelphia, March 19.—The detective bureau here last night received a message from Wilmington, Del., that a passenger on the Pennsylvania railroad express train had been robbed of \$10,000 prior to the train's arrival there.

The passenger, who was on his way to Philadelphia from Aiken, S. C., informed the conductor that he had been robbed of a traveling bag containing \$10,000 in money. He said that he left the bag in the chair car while he went to the smoking compartment.

## TIED AGENT TO TRACK.

Was Liberated by Man Just Before Train Passed.

Roxie, Miss., March 18.—Ropes which bound Agent Shingleton, of the Mississippi Central Railroad to the tracks over which a train was soon to pass last night were cut by a man who found him as the rumble of the locomotive was heard in the distance. He had been knocked by the head and tied to the track by negroes who attempted to rob the depot.

## SUICIDE AT NORFOLK.

Lacked Work.

Lynchburg, Va., March 18.—Hans A. Herzfeld, aged fifty-two, a native of Savannah and bookkeeper for a brewing company here for some time, committed suicide at his home today by shooting himself in the head. He was despondent because he had been out of work since the saloons closed here.

## NEW STRANGE SECT

WANT TO ESTABLISH A SOUTHERN COLONY IN GEORGIA.

Five Hundred of Them Live in One House, "The Temple of David," at Benton Harbor, Mich.

It is very probable that some point near Atlanta or Macon, Ga., will be chosen as a site for the location of the new Southern colony of the Israelites, a new sect of religionists, whose American headquarters are now located in Benton Harbor, Mich. It became known that a Southern colony of this sect was to be established when the Rev. James E. Tucker, a minister of the new faith, visited several cities in Georgia, looking up various sites in search of one on which to locate the colony home.

The Rev. Mr. Tucker and his companion, the Rev. W. I. Smith, a fellow minister of the new faith, caused a mild sensation when they first appeared in Georgia. Both of the ministers were streaming beards and flowing hair, which fell in profusion over their shoulders. This allowing the hair and beard to grow is one of the tenets of the new faith. In explaining the new sect, the Rev. Mr. Tucker told of the home of the Israelites in Benton Harbor.

According to his statement there are in the Benton Harbor home 500 men, women and children, living in the House of David, which is located in a beautiful park of 85 acres. The Israelites live close to nature, among the trees and in close communion with the birds and animals. Strict vegetarianism is observed, and there is no giving in marriage. They eat of no meat, and the closest celibacy is practiced.

Recruits and converts of this new faith are taken from all parts of the world, but only from the Caucasian race. The colony at Benton Harbor, Mich., is one of three, the others being located in England and Australia. According to the present plans, Georgia will have the fourth colony.

"Christ is the head of our church, and the saviour of the body," declared the minister. "Israelites have a membership of 144,000 or 12,000 for each of the 12 sons of Jacob. The Israelites have discovered the secrets and mysteries of the Bible and are unsealing them to all the world. We have our own publishing house, where tracts, papers, pamphlets, etc., are being disseminated to all parts of the world."

"In the beautiful park in Benton Harbor we have five brass bands, which give free concerts during the summer months, and several automobiles which are used by our preachers on their tours over the country in the interest of the faith."

## WHOLE TOWN CRIPPLED.

Dangers of Lumbering Jobs Shown in Washington Settlement.

The little town of Hoquiam, Wash., with 6,000 inhabitants, has more maimed, scarred and crippled people than any other town of the size in the world. There are 500 men who have either lost a leg, arm, hand, foot, finger, toe or ear. There are many more who will carry to the grave ugly scars.

None of these men has ever been in an Indian fight, nor have they participated in battles. They are loggers and sawmill men, who have met with accident in one of the most dangerous occupations. Not a day passes in the sawmill districts of this State but that someone is killed or injured.

The city officials recently took a census and the tabulations now in on file with the town clerk show: Fifty-six men with one leg each. Five legless men. Two men have lost both legs and one hand. Twenty-three men have one foot. Three handless men. Four men have one leg and one arm.

Nine men have lost one ear each. One man lost nose and ears. Eleven men have but one eye each. Two men have been scalped. One hundred and fifty men have scars on faces.

One hundred men have other injuries that have maimed them for life.

All these accidents have been met in the woods or in the sawmills in the Grays Harbor district.

## DEPOT DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Flames Consume Union Station in Louisville, Ky.

Louisville, Ky., March 18.—By the destruction here tonight at a loss of \$400,000 of the union depot, the local terminal for five of the country's leading railroads, Louisville will probably benefit by a new union station.

Crossed wires in the attic of the big structure, which was erected by the Illinois Central in 1890, caused the blaze, which made an empty shell of the depot before the entire fire department of the city, which was called, had arrived. W. G. Roach, chief clerk to Superintendent Egan of the Illinois Central, fell through a skylight. All other occupants escaped unharmed.

Using the depot were the Illinois Central, the Big Four, the Southern, the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and the Chesapeake & Ohio.

The rescue of a woman telephone operator from the fifth story by firemen and the great height to which the flames rose made the fire unusually spectacular.

## MAN STEALS BOY

And Holds Him For Ten Thousand Dollars Ransom

## FATHER WILL COMPLY

The Lad Is a Son of Attorney Whittier, of Sharon, Pa., and Was Taken From School by a Stranger—The Boy's Hat Found in a Buggy in Ohio.

Sharon, Pa., March 18.—Ten thousand dollars ransom is demanded for the return of William Whittier, Attorney James P. Whittier's eight-year-old boy, who was spirited away from school here this morning by an unknown man, furnishing a mystery which the detectives of the county are being asked to solve. Accompanying the demand for ransom is a covert threat that the boy will be killed unless the money is produced.

Hundreds of telegrams and telephone messages have been sent to the police of various cities asking their assistance in the search for the boy and his abductors. The first fruit of these came tonight when Chief of Police Crain, of this city, received word that a rig, in which the lad had been taken away, had been recovered at Warren, O., with the child's hat on the seat of the buggy.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning a stranger drove up to the east ward school house, where young Whittier is a pupil in Room No. 2, and told the janitor, Wesley Sloss, the lad was wanted at once at his father's office. Sloss conveyed the message to Mrs. Anna Lewis, the boy's teacher, who dismissed the child. As she was helping him put on his overcoat, she remarked, half jokingly, "I hope that man does not kidnap Willie." The man in the buggy had a dark complexion, dark hair and a stubby mustache. He was stockily built. He spoke excellent English and was evidently American-born.

When Sloss appeared with the boy, the stranger smiled and helped him up to the seat beside him. He then drove off in the direction of Mr. Whittier's office. Several persons tonight say a confederate joined the kidnapper before he had left town.

Little was thought of the incident, and there was no belief that a crime had been committed until the lad failed to appear for his noon day meal. Becoming worried, Mrs. Whittier began a search, and at the school she learned of what had occurred there three hours before.

At 1 o'clock a letter directed to the mother, was delivered to the house by a mail carrier. Mrs. Whittier at once recognized the handwriting on the envelope as that of her son. Opening it she found the following communication written in a strange hand.

"We have your boy and will return him for \$10,000. Will see your advertisement in the papers. Insert in Indianapolis News, Cleveland Press, Pittsburgh Dispatch, Youngstown Vindicator: 'A. A.—Will do as requested, J. P. W.' Dead boys are not desirable."

The penmanship and spelling of the note indicated it had been written by a man of fair education. Mr. Whittier decided to comply with the conditions of the letter, and sent for publication to each of the newspapers specified the note it directed him to insert.

## DEATH OF DR. JONES.

The Great War Chaplain of the Confederacy Gone.

New Orleans, La., March 18.—By command of Gen. Clement A. Evans, general commanding, Adjutant General and Chief of Staff William E. Mickle issued from the headquarters of the United Confederate Veterans today an order giving official notice of the death of Chaplain Gen. J. William Jones, which occurred yesterday at Columbus, Ga. After reciting his achievements in military and civil life the order concludes:

"His devotion to his work and his people, his ability as a writer, his eloquence as speaker, his amiability as a companion, stand out with conspicuous brightness, and he has left a record free from stain and worthy of imitation."

## COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Superintendent Swearingen Favors Local Option.

Columbia, March 18.—State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen gave out a statement tonight touching his views on the compulsory education question. Mr. Swearingen said in part: "While compulsory education is neither needed nor desired in many localities, in others it is eminently desirable. School districts, county and incorporated towns should be allowed to decide the question for itself. The passage of a law allowing each school unit to decide this question for itself will soon show whether the people wish compulsory education."

## MURDERER LYNCHED.

Elkin, N. Va., March 19.—Joseph Brown, said to have been an ex-convict, shot and seriously wounded Chief of Police Scott White at Whitmer, near here, was taken from the jail by a crowd of men early this morning and lynched.

## TWO BRAVE MEN

AFTER BEING SEPARATED FOR FORTY-FOUR YEARS

Meet for the First Time Since the War and Talk Over Their War Experience.

Newberry, March 17.—Mr. Samuel Dixon, of Florence, came to Newberry recently to visit Col. D. A. Dickert, and thereby hangs a tale, says the Observer, which it relates as follows:

In the closing days of the Confederacy, during the spring of 1865, Gen. Hardee, then approaching Cheraw in his retreat before Sherman's invading army, sent for Col. D. A. Dickert, of Newberry county, of the famous old Third regiment, and told him he had a dangerous and important work to be done, that was to carry a message through Sherman's lines to General Hood, who was then down toward Savannah, and tell General Hood where to meet Hardee's army. The general knew of some of Col. Dickert's scouting the mission and was permitted to select his companion. Captain Richard O'Neal recommended to him a young man in his company by the name of Sam Dixon, saying that he was quiet and cool and not afraid of danger. Colonel Dickert selected Mr. Dixon, and he accepted without hesitation.

They knew that they would have to disguise themselves to get through Sherman's lines, and that if caught their lives would pay the forfeit; but that did not deter them, and they set out on their mission—strangers hitherto, but now strong friends, bound together by a common cause and a common danger. They fulfilled their mission, passing twice through Sherman's lines.

Some time ago Mr. Tom Harrell, of Newberry, was in Florence and was talking with Mr. Dixon, who now lives there, though at the time above spoken of he was from Richland county. Mr. Dixon asked him if he knew a man from Newberry named D. A. Dickert. Yes, he said, he knew him well; saw him very often. From that a correspondence ensued between the two former comrades—in arms, resulting in a cordial and pressing invitation from Colonel Dickert to Mr. Dixon to visit him in Newberry. On Tuesday Mr. Dixon came, and the two men, who had braved death together forty-four years ago, stood face to face for the first time since then. Both men have held their own well. Mr. Dixon being particularly active and bright; tall and as straight as an Indian; of quiet demeanor, but cheerful and full of life—like a young man but for his gray hair; and gray hairs have ceased to be a sign of old age.

The men are now 65, there being three months difference in their ages. When they performed the dangerous feat of carrying General Hardee's message they were little more than boys, and yet had seen four years of hard fighting.

Speaking of Mr. Dixon, Colonel Dickert said that he was the bravest and most cheerful man under hardships and dangers he ever saw.

## POSTMASTER AT FLORENCE.

Several Aspirants for the Place Are Working For It.

Washington, March 17.—Senator E. D. Smith went to see President Taft today about naming some one for the Florence postoffice to succeed Josh Wilson, the negro, who was recently named for another term by Mr. Roosevelt, and who failed to have his nomination stick. Senator Smith, of course, wants a Democrat if he can squeeze one in, and it is understood that if a good Republican can not be found Mr. Smith may be called on to name a Democrat. At this time, however, the Republicans are being mentioned here for the place, Cassell and Lathrop. Cassell's father is a member of the House from Pennsylvania, and is said to be working for his son.

## POETRY PARTS A COUPLE.

Wife Tried to Force Husband to Print Her Writings.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 19.—"She insists on writing poetry, which somehow the general reading public does not appreciate, but it takes lots of my money to have the stuff printed and put out in book form." This is the charge made against Elizabeth Morris by her husband, George Morris, in a cross bill filed to her petition for divorce.

Since their marriage, he asserts, she has led him away on "wild chases" over the United States, at which times she sought to be close to nature, occupying all her leisure moments in writing pages of poetry.

These excursions, Morris says, he was forced to put out in book form for her. And he says it was an awful drain on his patience and his pocketbook.

## GILTED GIRL STRICKEN DUMB.

Falls Into Coma on Hearing Her Future Has Married.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 18.—Stricken dumb when she learned on Friday that her fiancé had married another, Miss Belle Raem, of No. 424 Harrison street, 17 years old, has not been able to speak a word since. Dr. J. S. Heiman attributes her loss of speech to hysteria. Until this morning she was in a state of coma. This morning the physician questioned her, and although she was unable to speak, she could write answers. The man who jilted her is William Meyer, of Liverpool. On Thursday he and Miss Ann King were married in Buffalo.

## THE NEW BILL

On the Tariff Brought in Early On Wednesday</